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1. Inaugural Boston Arts Festival Planned for September

Mayor Thomas M. Menino and the City of Boston are delighted to announce plans for the inaugural Boston Arts Festival. The Festival will showcase Boston's contemporary arts scene, launch the exciting fall visual and performing arts season, and preview prospective programming for the Rose Kennedy Greenway parks.

Under pristine white tents, Boston artists and craftspeople will exhibit and sell original works of art – including paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fiber, art, glass, woodwork, mixed media, and photography. From functional to surreal, witty to the elegantly decorative, these one-of-a-kind and limited edition Art Works will form an unparalleled collection that can only be seen once a year.

Two performance areas will showcase music, theater, and dance from the upcoming season. Family friendly activities that reflect our city's rich diversity and extraordinary cultural life will also be presented. Installations of temporary, site-specific public art will be nestled between the harbor and the Greenway. Participatory arts experiences for all ages will be offered.

Participation in the Boston Arts Festival will be free to all artists and artists will retain 100% of proceeds from sale of work. Performing organizations will receive a fee for their participation. The Festival is a collaboration between the [Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs](#), the [Mayor's Office of Special Events and Tourism](#), and [Boston Magazine](#).

For further information, contact Festival Director Emerson Kington (Emerson.Kington@cityofboston.gov) and/or Visual Arts Coordinator Marilyn Lasek (Marilyn.Lasek@cityofboston.gov)

DATES TO REMEMBER

ONGOING
 Centennial Programming
 The Isabella Stewart
 Gardner Museum
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NOW – May 23
 Fishweir Installation
 Ross Miller
 Boston Common/
 Charles Street
[more info](#)



NOW – May 27
 Boston Public Schools
 Annual Exhibition
 Artwork hung
 throughout
 Boston City Hall

2. Mayor Menino Appoints Boston Art Commission Members & Staff

Signaling a new era for the [Boston Art Commission](#), Mayor Thomas M. Menino announced the appointment of five new members on April 30th. Sarah Hutt, new Director of Public Art for the City of Boston, will staff this new Boston Art Commission.

The new appointees are Ann Macomber, a lifetime member of the Museum of Fine Arts Board of Overseers; Karen Pfefferle, Gallery Manager and Curator for the Copley Society of Boston; William O. Taylor, a trustee of the Boston Public Library; Carol Burns, an architect and member of the Boston Society of Architects; and Esther Kaplan, Commissioner of the Boston Office of Cultural Affairs.

The Boston Art Commission, established by Massachusetts' statute in 1890, is mandated to approve the design and siting of all art in public places in the City of Boston. The Commission's members are required to be residents of Boston and the Mayor appoints from recommendations made by the Boston Society of Architects, the Museum of Fine Arts, Copley Society of Boston and Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston.

"Today's appointees are all prominent Bostonians with diverse backgrounds that will help create a vibrant Boston Art Commission," said Mayor Menino.

Sarah Hutt has previously curated exhibits in Boston City Hall galleries, facilitated permitting for temporary installations of public art, developed and assisted neighborhood Open Studio groups, and provided technical assistance to visual artists on a range of issues including artist housing, exhibiting and selling their art work. Contact Sarah Hutt at sarah.hutt@cityofboston.gov

3. Boston Cultural Council Announces \$110,330 in Grants for FY03

Mayor Thomas M. Menino, the Office of Cultural Affairs and Co-Chairs Jeremy Alliger and Betty Hillmon of the [Boston Cultural Council](#) recently announced FY03 Boston Cultural Council Grants totaling \$110,330 to 59 cultural organizations. An additional 18 PASS Grants were also awarded.

The Boston Cultural Council distributes funds allocated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency that supports programs in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences, to every Massachusetts city and town. Programming grant recipients include Snappy Dance Theater, Oni Gallery, the Boston Center for the Arts, Youth Pro Musica, Theatre Offensive, The Boston Lyric Opera, and many others. PASS grants enable Bwinners include William E. Endicott School, John Philbrick School, James F. Condon School, Clarence Edwards Middle School, Blessed Sacrament School, and others. For the complete list of FY03 BCC grants click [here](#).

4. Music Blossoms in Boston Public Schools

Boston's Public Schools are alive with Music this summer! The following two Boston Public School performances are coming next week - mark your calendar! Congratulations to all the students!!

4th Annual 4-12 Vocal Music Festival

Wednesday, May 28th

Boston University "Concert Hall" of the College of Fine Arts

855 Commonwealth Avenue

7PM

NOW – June 1

Designing the Rose
Exhibition & Lecture Series
The Boston Architectural
Center

[more info](#)



NOW – June 13

Eire/Land
Scolley Square Gallery
Boston City Hall

June 5 – 10

Opera Unlimited
Boston Modern Orchestra
Project & The Boston
Academy of Music

[more info](#)



June 6

**Baker Building
Collaboration
The Collection;
Art & Wine Series
Benefit for the BOSTON
NOW Cultural Fund
Campaign**
[more info](#)

2nd Annual BPS 5–12th Instrumental Music Festival
 Friday, May 30th
 Berklee Performance Center, Berklee College of Music
 136 Massachusetts Avenue
 7PM

5. Boston NOW "Wild Posting" Promotes 10 Boston Cultural Orgs.

Another round of BOSTON NOW wild posting is underway! A collaboration between OCA and National Promotions and Advertising (NPA), the wild posting project is aimed at raising the visibility of Boston's cultural activities to residents and visitors.

This summer and fall OCA and NPV will produce posters promoting ten Boston cultural organizations, and display them outside on walls all over the city. This marketing opportunity will provide thousands of potential audience members with information about cultural organizations and events they might not know about otherwise. Seen around Boston already are posters for CRAFTBOSTON and Mobius. Posters for Opera Unlimited, a project of the Boston Modern Orchestra Project and the Boston Academy of Music, Zumix, Forest Hills Educational Trust, and others will be produced and displayed in the fall.

6. OCA Mural Crew Director Visits Boston Schools

In addition to painting Murals with Boston youth in locations throughout the City, the OCA Mural Crew is also available for presentations and workshops.

Mural Crew Director Heidi Schork recently gave a slide presentation and talk to an entire school assembly at the Nativity Preparatory School in Jamaica Plain. The Students of Nativity Prep are planning a mural project for next year and Heidi was invited by their art teacher, Wendy Hoo, to present examples of Mural Crew work and to answer questions about murals and mural painting techniques. Heidi was also a recent speaker at Youth Opportunity Boston, a job-training program for high school dropouts with offices in South Boston and Dudley Square. Heidi met with program participants who have planned a mural project for entry hall in YOB's Dudley Square space.

Future engagements for the Mural Crew include a talk and slide show at the Sedgwick Branch of the Boston Public Library in Jamaica Plain on May 29 at 6:30 pm, as well as a workshop at the New England Conference of Arts Professionals in Plymouth, New Hampshire on June 13. The NECAP workshop will focus on building art apprentice programs within the municipal framework.

Schools and groups interested in hosting a slide presentation and talk about mural techniques, materials and the work of the OCA Mural Crew should contact Heidi at (617) 635-4202.

June 17
Opening of Arts on the
Arcade
 City Hall Plaza

July 28 – September 5
Vusumuzi Maduna
 Mayor's Art Gallery
 Boston City Hall

July 30
BCAF Final
Report Deadline



2003 BCAF Grant Recipient

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